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SUBJECT: VIP FOR AMERICA DAY AT THE PLOVDIV FAIR

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1. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED WORD THAT THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION IS OFF, AND COINCIDENTALLY RECEIVED REF B WITH THE FAREWELL MESSAGE OF UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE TABOR. THIS MEANS THAT THE MOST LIKELY MEANS OF FINDING A VIP TO OFFICIATE AT AMERICA DAY IN PLOVDIV, AND OUR PREFERRED FALLBACK, HAVE BOTH EVAPORATED.

2. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES WE URGE THAT THE MATTER OF FINDING AN APPROPRIATELY HIGH-LEVEL PERSONAGE FOR PLOVDIV BE MOVED TO THE FRONT BURNER WITHOUT DELAY. WE GOT INTO A BIND LAST YEAR WITH UNFORTUNATE RESULTS. THERE IS STILL TIME TO AVOID HAVING THE US FALL ON ITS FACE IN THIS MATTER.

3. IN CASE THERE IS ANY TENDENCY TO BELIEVE THAT THIS PROBLEM MIGHT JUST GO AWAY AND THAT WE CAN FEND FOR OURSELVES WITHOUT A VIP, IT SHOULD BE REALIZED THAT OTHER COUNTRIES WILL BE GENERALLY HAVING SENIOR  
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OFFICIALS (SOME OF THEM WITH CABINET RANK) FROM THEIR CAPITALS. FOR US NOT TO HAVE A VIP WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY DETRACT FROM EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR EFFORT IN PLOVDIV, IN WHICH SO MUCH EFFORT IS BEING INVESTED.

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